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Chinese Politics.

The Chinese have a peculiar theory that the progress of a nation should not exceed two hundred years in which the reigning family has already greatly overstepped. Besides this singular superstition, the Chinese have another deeply rooted idea that the line of descent has not been preserved intact by the royal dynasty. A Confucian, therefore, who has become the Emperor of China, Yang Ching, the successor of Kang Hsi, is said to have renounced the name, which nowadays is widely applied. And as both superstition and national antiquity have part in the proceedings, it is not a little difficult to decide the real position of the people with regard to their present sovereign. China is overrun with secret organizations whose real aim is the abolition of the Tartars and installation of a Chinese Emperor.

The famous White Lily sect of the country, which was originally founded in the Tsinan Province, has one and the same object in view. The reason of this Chinese secret organization was originally not so much of a political as of a theological or spiritual character. It was founded in 1850, and Chinese converts had only to confess their true political character. They boast numbers throughout the length and breadth of the Empire, and are a considerable force of military power. It is not, however, the Peking authorities who are to blame for this. The Ta-pao rebels, who were also of the White Lily sect, as well as many other less important, were the outcome of the White Lily sect; the riots at Canton and the wide spread among the Yangtze, were due to the influence of the Ta-pao. So when we consider that 30,000,000 are now openly engaged about the capital, or that the Vicerey of Canton has to maintain his thousands of Tartar soldiers...Fukien.

Incomes from Land in England.

What is the landowners' share of the produce of land? The landowner's income from land is very considerable, though the development of other resources has, in a manner, tended to reduce its proportionate relation to other incomes. In 1814-15, 36 per cent. of the total net produce was only 21 million pounds, while in 1851-52 the income from land in England was £21,000,000, in 1851-52 it was £42,000,000. Altogether, £60,000,000 is given from land in the United Kingdom—so far as can be ascertained. The amount of land available is not known, but it is estimated that the Vicerey of Canton has to maintain his thousands of Tartar soldiers...Fukien.

The Formal Call.

Whatever may befit me, have good cause to rejoice that they bear no part in that crowning of the year, all of which is the "Formal Call." It is the invention of the sex and the sex groups under its yoke. Men smoke tobacco in befitting peace while the wife and daughters pay tribute to the formal call. He bears the name of a man, and is a man, and he knows that the master can be dispensed with a card. He quietly notes the sigh of relief when the exhausted women return after hours of social disease. He observes the tax of dress incident to the formal call, and is apt to overlook the hypocrisy and the shameless nature of some in the way of pleasure, for all this is a slight adherence to custom, and then dimly realizes the miraculous felicity of his own escape from such absurdities as it may be taken comfort in the thought that he has not fallen equally on those who have made his life the paper for comedies other freaks and whims of fashion and caprice. The elasticity of conscience with which the gentle creatures endeavor to mitigate the infliction of the formal call by means of gifts, favors, and presents, like some sumptuous food for study, and it may be allowed to take his chances of any future deterioration.—*Leisure Hour*.

Fashions Women.

Fashion kills more than tort and scurvy. Obscenity in fashions is a greater transgression of the laws of woman's nature, a greater injury to her physical and mental constitution than poverty and neglect. This slave woman at her task will live and grow old and die, and her body will be left to rot and decay, fade and pass away. The washerwoman, with a scanty ray of hope to cheer her in her task, will live to see her fashionable sister die all around her. The kitchen maid is hurried and absent, and she has not time to care for a nice baby. It is a truth that fat, plump, and plumpish women are almost worthless for all the ends of human life; they have but little force of character; they have still less power of mental will, and quite as little physical energy. They like to be seen, and they like to be admired; they like to be flattered, and they like to be complimented, whether or not. They are like forms in the hands of milliners and seamstresses to be dressed and fed to order. They write to no books; they set to rich examples of virtues and wondrous life. If they rear children, serve and minister to them, give them love and care, and when reward what are there? What do the even amount to let weak scions of the old stock? Who ever heard of a fashionable woman's child exhibiting any virtue or power of mind for which it had been educated, and the knowledge of great and good men? Women. Not one of them had a fashionable mother. They nearly all spring from a strong minded woman, who had about as little to do with fashion as with the changing clouds. The true saying: "A wise man may be needed to teach a foolish woman to be wise." "If I had not lifted up the stone you had not found the jewel."—*Forster's Daughter*.

Artistic Exploration.

It is a misapprehension to suppose that the chief object of Arctic exploration is to reach the North Pole. The chief object is to extend the schemes of scientific exploration only as a desirable incident in the carrying out of their work. Geographers talk of the North Pole and quest and probe as if an unscientific and a giddy sport. We have, however, recently resolved to do it to advance as far as possible into the unknown regions to study its geography and make important scientific observations. Captain Nemo, nine years ago, had to sail 500 miles this side of the pole. But his expedition was carried in a bottomless vessel, and he could not get far from the sea north of this continent, explored the coast line for a distance of thirty-five degrees of longitude, and learned a great mass of interesting scientific data. The leading geographers assert that Arctic exploration is of immense value to the world, both in its scientific and its commercial aspects.

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THE UNDERSIGNED, having  
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